

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, December 1, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Sargent led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bajaj, Furey, Habel,
Sargent, Siani, and Chairperson Rudolph.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Semaan, Associate Engineer
Sedadi, and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Siani moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Sargent seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5a. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Minutes were not available.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Chairperson Rudolph explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

6a. Michael and Brenda Short, Bindewald Road, described the gridlock of traffic and large number of pedestrians passing both sides of their house during the holiday season. They distributed maps showing the 2013 Christmas lights traffic flow and their proposed traffic flow for 2014 to relieve the congestion. They recommended the addition of two signs, one on Carlow Road, south of the junction with Bindewald Road, and one on Sharynne Lane, slightly west of the junction with Carlow Road.

Engineering Manager Semaan discussed the process that the Commission participated in a few years ago. He described efforts to direct traffic to alternate entry points into the neighborhood to prevent backup on Pacific Coast Highway at Robert

Road. He pointed out that this is an event put on by the residents and is not a City-sanctioned event.

Sergeant Koenig discussed how the Police Department and Fire Department are heavily involved in monitoring the area.

Commissioners suggested that the Shorts engage the homeowners association to get a consensus.

Karen Miller, Doris Way, stated that the streets in her area have recently been resurfaced but have not been restriped; Engineering Manager Semaan asked her to e-mail specific locations that he could pass on to Public Works.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

7a. TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

Associate Engineer Sedadi briefly reviewed items in the material of record that the Commission considered during 2014. She requested that the Commission receive and file the summary and noted that it would be forwarded to City Council.

Commissioners offered minor corrections.

7b. QUARTERLY TRAFFIC COMMISSION SUMMARY OF REQUESTS

Associate Engineer Sedadi presented the Quarterly Traffic Commission Summary of Requests encompassing the months of October and November 2011; and, December 2013 to December 2014. Referring to the first item regarding North/South split phasing of the Lowes/Costco signal, she reported that on October 21, 2014 City Council awarded a contract to the consultant and they are in the process of designing the new operation for this signal. She stated that the second item, regarding Caltrans improvements to the intersection of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, is scheduled for construction in February 2015. She reported that staff has sent several e-mails regarding the railroad bridge over Hawthorne Boulevard but that they have not heard back from them.

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that the bridge needs repainting and offered to provide Chairperson Rudolph with contact information.

Associate Engineer Sedadi stated that Commissioner Habel's request to check striping on Del Amo Circle is being reviewed. Referring to his November 3 request, she noted that the left turn signal on Crenshaw Boulevard at Del Amo has been temporarily fixed until the operation crew receives the needed equipment to modify the phasing.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Engineering Manager Semaan reported that the City Council's Employee Relations and Public Safety Committee is reviewing all City crosswalks with crossing guards. He stated that the Police Department and Public Works are gathering information and that the Committee has asked that the Traffic Commission be included on issues related to the Crossing Guard program and establish a timeline to return to the

Committee and City Council. He stated that the background and findings should be completed and presented at the February 2015 Commission meeting.

8b. Commissioner Bajaj discussed signal problems the last three or four weeks in turning westbound on 182nd Street from Crenshaw Boulevard; Engineering Manager Semaan stated that the signal is probably running on recall and that loops will be put back in.

8c. Commissioners and staff wished each other a happy holiday season.

8d. It was decided that the Commission would go dark in January 2015 and to adjourn this meeting to February 2, 2015.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Chairperson Rudolph adjourned the meeting to February 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall and, hearing no objection, so ordered.

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Approved as submitted February 2, 2015 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
